

The Clare School Winter Newsletter 2018

Well what an amazing run in we've had to the end of the Autumn term. Of course we've had some amazing events including our sensory Nativity, Christmas Lunch, Christmas Party supported by the Lions, Trips to Norwich Cathedral, Christmas Fayre and our Christingle service. Your feedback was wonderful to many of these events.

As well as all of this our school has been committed to making the most of our curricula learning too. We've also had a visit from Professor Lucy, undertaking science experiments with class LH, an awards ceremony with Norwich in Bloom where we won the gardeners with disability grouping, and visitors working with us on the Create Norwich project to re-focus and renovate disability access into the City.

I'll leave you with the response one parent wrote about the Nativity 'Absolutely loved it today. Thankyou for the obvious effort. What is lovely is the smiling faces – both children and the staff! Thankyou. Can't wait for next year! Christmas can now begin!'

Wishing you all the best for the festive period,

Fyfe Johnston, Headteacher



Festival of Angels at Christchurch



Christchurch Eaton hosted a 'Festival of Angels' over the weekend of November 23 to 25, which involved the arrival of hundreds of angels made from various materials including biscuits, wood carvings, plastic and paper.

As part of this we were invited to create Angels to display. As a school we made a whole host of angels including those with feathers, paper lace, and even pink ones! Once put up in church, our display looked amazing! So much so that we won 'Best Wall Display 2018'.

Pupils from Form JHT visited the event and loved looking at all the different creations.



On December 5th Forms JHT and LH had a fantastic trip to Gressenhall for a 'Victorian Christmas'. They had the opportunity to make Victorian Christmas cards, scented bags, candy canes and paper chains, shop in a Victorian grocers and participate in a Victorian dance. All the pupils had a great time. What a fun way to learn!



St Peter Mancroft Tree Festival

Form HP have been absolute stars! They took all of the golden decorations made by Clare School students to St Peter Mancroft Church where a real Christmas tree donated by Care4Clare was waiting! They did a great job of decorating our tree as part of the Tree Festival.



Nursery and Reception had a fantastic time visiting the Christmas displays at Taverham Nursery Centre. They saw one of Santa's elves in the grotto and taught him some sign language and all got a lovely present. There is still time to see Santa there. Thank you Taverham Nursery Centre so much all the children feel very Christmassy now.



What's been cooking in Life Skills?

Form AG have been busy working towards their Jamie Oliver BTEC award.

In Life Skills we have been busy baking for Christmas. Dozens of mince pies and several cakes were baked for the Christmas fayre.

(Don't worry our naughty Sprout Elf didn't make any of the mince pies!)



Thank you to everyone who has sent in a bag of sugar for our 'Sugar for Shelter' appeal. The sugar is distributed to local homeless shelters and food kitchens.



Norwich in Bloom success!

Remember the raised beds we made in Eaton Park in the Summer Term? The Norwich Friends in Bloom came to let us know what they thought of our work.

We won 1st place Gardeners with Disabilities, 1st Place Commercial Premises, Winners of Best Newcomer award, joint 3rd Prize winner for Community Gardens & Growing Projects. Look at our lovely trophies, shields, award and certificates! The pupils were very pleased. Thank you Friends of Eaton Park, Eaton Park café and the RHS for working with us on this project.



We'd like to introduce all in our community to Shawn Tomlinson, the curate at Christ Church Eaton.

Before she was ordained Shawn worked for many years as a Neuro-developmental delay therapist, working especially with parents and babies with special and additional needs in the water. Some of you might have met her at the Harvest Festival.

Shawn would love to be involved with the school, especially if she can be of help as a chaplain. The role of a chaplain is of providing, when needed, spiritual and pastoral care to all at the school. She feels it's not about religion, it's about being available in times of difficulties and also in times of joy.

Shawn hopes to get to know the staff and families at the school, over the coming year.



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THE CLARE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE!

Thank you to everyone who came to support The Clare School Christmas Fayre. It was a fun and festive morning in which we raised £809.47p! Fantastic!

Form LH went to Jarrolds to post their Christmas letters to Santa. Whilst they were there they were lucky enough to be invited to meet Father Christmas in his Grotto! Santa also allowed them to each choose an early Christmas present!



Form AG News



In Class AG this term we have been developing our work skills in lots of different ways. We have all taken part in an 'interview skills workshop' and we have listened to a talk by a senior access officer from Chester council who told us about his work and the work of the council. Two of us have started work placements at 'Break' charity shop and 'Beehive Nursery'. We have also taken part in a Christmas enterprise project. We split into two teams, boys against girls to see which could raise the most money. The girls won with their chocolate treats! Thank-you to everyone who supported us and helped us to raise over £220 for class trips.

The Snail and the Whale

Students from form ZD/NB and form HP were lucky enough to have the chance to visit a production of 'The Snail and the Whale' at the Playhouse Theatre this half term. This magical, musical production was inspired by the fantastic bestselling picture book by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler from the Olivier Award-nominated company that produced 'The Gruffalo' and 'Room on the Broom' live on stage. Our students were an absolute credit to the school and enjoyed every moment of this fast paced adventure filled with storytelling, live music and lots of laughs.



Wroxham Barns with Form RB



Earlier this term Form RB began some work exploring the environment. As part of this work we took a trip to Wroxham Barns to get up close and personal with some of the animals down on the farm. The students had a great time feeding the calves with bottles. The students also enjoyed a 'cuddle' session with guinea pigs and rabbits. However, our real highlight was the greedy goats. These goats were very pleased to see us and tried to gobble up as much feed as possible! It was a lovely day and supported the work students had been doing at school for their ASDAN Life Skills Challenge unit.

Parents need to ring school as early as possible if your child is unwell or unable to come in to school (phones are manned from 7.45am).

School re-opens for Pupils on 3rd January 2019.

Don't forget you can get updates about school life from our Website, Facebook page and Twitter feed.
Our Website: <http://www.clareschool.co.uk> Facebook: @clareschoolnorwich Twitter: @clareschoolnch

Form KH News



Form KH had a busy start to the year selling their homemade items on a Pop Up stall on Norwich Market in September.

The group also won a number of first and second prizes in the Norwich in Bloom Competition and were overall winners too. Pupils were presented with trophies, cups and vouchers by the Lord Mayor of Norwich at City Hall.



Form AS News



Last half term in Form AS we have been looking at the topic of 'Weather'. We explored how hot the sun can be, how wet the rain can be, how breezy the wind can be and how cold the snow can be! In cooking one week we made a lovely kite picture showing how magical the wind can be!



This half term in Form AS we have been finding about all different types of 'Festivals'. We learnt about Halloween, Remembrance Day, Diwali, Thanksgiving, Hanukkah and Christmas. For Diwali in sensory art we had lots of fun making a big, colourful, sensory Rangoli pattern! We felt the textures of foods such as rice and lentils, added smellies such as rose water and lemon extract to them before dyeing them in bright colours to stick down to our picture!

Form LH and HP visit Norwich Cathedral



Miss Parkinson arranged for her Form and Miss Henman's Form to visit Norwich Cathedral on Friday 14th December. We learnt all about how the Cathedral was built and explored the materials and tools they used. Pupils dressed up as Priests and Monks and learnt about their roles as well as exploring the Cathedral pupils re-enacted a Christening and Mary kindly lit a candle for The Clare School Pupils. To end our visit we shared the Christmas Story and pupils enjoyed participating.